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CONCLUSION

Claims 1 – 14 were pending in the application. Claims 15 – 20 have been added. Claims 1 – 20 accordingly remain pending in the application.

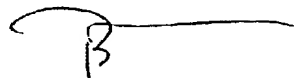
Added Claims 15 – 20 recite a carrier medium and a computer system including features corresponding to those of Claims 1 – 5.

The Office Action rejected claims 1 – 14 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. patent application serial no. 09/613,015. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b) to obviate the double patenting rejection has been filed along with this response. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request removal of the double patenting rejection.

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

A Fee Authorization is enclosed to cover the filing fees for a disclaimer; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5500-59700.

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